

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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SHIP BREAKING SCRAP
DUKHA BHAGAT

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of the increasing import of ship-breaking scrap into the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the flow of ship breaking scrap would have an adverse impact on the steel industries; and
- (d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a)&(b): The import of ship breaking scrap in to the country has not increased as would be seen from the Shipbreaking statistics for the last 4 years given below:

YEAR	LDT (In million tones)
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1998-99	3.368
1999-2000	3.063
2000-2001	2.205
2001-2002	2.900

(c) As re-rollable scrap obtained from ship breaking is a substitute to semis produced by the main producers etc., the flow of Shipbreaking scrap affects the steel industries but to a limited extent.

(d) The Government has increased the basic custom duty on ships imported for breaking from 5 %to 15 % with exemption of CVD & SAD.